

Appl. No. 10/823,917
Amdt. dated September 26, 2005
Reply to Office action of June 28, 2005

Remarks/Arguments

Applicant affirms election of Species 2, claims 3, 9-15, 21 and 25.

The examiner's objection to the drawing is not understood and clarification is requested. Resilient insert 16 is shown in Figs. 1-3.

The specification has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the width of the insert. Since this width was defined in original claim 17, no new matter is added.

Reconsideration of the objection to claims 18 and 22 is respectfully requested. While there are different Shore scales, i.e., Shore A, Shore D and Shore O, one skilled in the art would recognize, considering the materials being tested that a durometer of 40-80 must be as measured on the Shore A scale.

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 11-14, 19, 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Okumoto et al. Claims 16, 18, 24 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sebo et al. Claims 1, 3-6, 9-11, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Green in view of Okumoto et al. Claims 4, 15 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okumoto et al. Claims 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sebo et al. Claims 8 and 25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all

of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and for the following reasons.

The content of claim 8 has been incorporated into independent claim 1. Therefore, independent claim 1 and claims 2-7 dependent thereon are in allowable condition.

The content of claim 25 has been incorporated into independent claim 24. Therefore, independent claim 24 and claims 26-28 dependent thereon are in allowable condition.

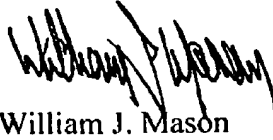
Claims 8-15 and 19-23 have been cancelled.

Independent claim 16 and new independent claim 29 specifically state that the putter head as including a body with a lower edge and a recess in the lower edge, and an insert within the recess, with the faces of the body and insert being in a plane. This configuration is neither taught nor suggested by the cited references or any combination thereof. The putter head of Sebo et al. is not constructed in any part of a resilient material. Even if, as apparently contended by the examiner, the transparent material of the Sebo et al. putter head was "resilient" the requirements of amended claim 16 and new claim 29 would not be met. Specifically, there is no configuration which would meet the definition of a body with a recess and the resilient insert in the recess. Accordingly, in the absence of such teaching or suggestion, it is submitted that independent claims 16 and 29 and the claims dependent thereon are in allowable condition.

For the forgoing reasons, and in view of the amendments to the claims, it is

believed that this application now defines a patentably distinguishable invention and is accordingly in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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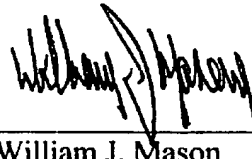
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